



**Fw: FOIA request from David Reynolds regarding comments on Westlake  
Landfill**

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FYI.....per our conversation.

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LaTonya and Sarah,  
Attached is the FOIA that I mentioned during staff meeting related to Westlake Landfill.

Dianna Whitaker  
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FOIA REQUEST

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of all comments related to the EPA's pending decision on how to clean up hazardous nuclear waste at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, MO. I request access to all written comments submitted to the agency after the supplemental feasibility study outlining possible solutions was released in December 2011. Please e-mail the scanned documents to dreynolds@iwpnews.com

Through this request, I am gathering information on the agency's decision regarding the West Lake landfill that is of current interest to the public because the decision, which is expected to occur this year, involves radioactive waste near a river that provides drinking water for nearby residents, and also the landfill isn't far from residential neighborhoods.

This information is being sought on behalf of Inside EPA for dissemination to the general public. Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of what information government is considering when making a decision regarding the landfill. Disclosure is likely to contribute to understanding because the documents contain the concerns of people and agencies who live and work near the landfill and have studied the issue. Also, public comments on this issue have not been published since EPA released a record of decision four years ago. Since then, the agency has released a supplemental feasibility study outlining possible courses of action the EPA might take on the landfill. Seeing comments from interested parties before EPA makes its final decision would enable other people to better understand and possibly take part in the process of commenting on the issue themselves.

I am seeking a fee waiver as a journalist, and plan to use the information for a news article. The information will be used in a news article and is not in the commercial interest of the requester.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about the West Lake Landfill because it involves high-level radioactive waste near the source of their drinking water. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
David Reynolds  
(703) 416-8518

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14\_EXPEDITED\_PROCESSING:Yes  
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